

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
November 6, 2019
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Vice-Chair Sally Christner at 5:15 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Vice-Chair Sally Christner, Terri Kelly, Brian Ames, John Michael. Marc Roy. Tardy: Isaiah Lary. Absent: Chair Noel Madore.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, WGLT-TV7 Dick Clark, DA Andrew Robinson, EMA Director Angela Molino, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Patrol Director Mark Cornelio, Communications Director Martin Fournier, Register of Probate Thomas Reynolds, Facilities Director David Cote, Budget Committee Chair Alicia Rea, Matthew Roy, Michael Lord, Nick Konstantoulakis.

IV. MINUTES

a. Meeting Dates: October 16, 2019

Motion: to approve the October 16, 2019 minutes as presented.

Kelly-Ames 5-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll, Warrants #1156, 1163, 1957 and Payroll. Corrections Division Warrants #1945J, 1946J.

Roy-Kelly 5-0

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – No report.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board – No report.

C. DA & EMA Reports

Commissioner Lary arrived.

District Attorney Andrew Robinson discussed the volume of cases being handled by prosecutors & trial assistants, and pretrial issues.

EMA Director Angela Molino discussed current EMA events.

D. Administrator's Report – Administrator Post gave an update on current activities.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. TAN Motion

The following is an accurate affirmation of the TAN motion (from the October 16th meeting)

VOTED by the Board of Commissioners for Androscoggin County, Maine as follows:

- (1) To authorize the issuance of the County's Tax Anticipation Note in an amount up to Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) to Androscoggin Bank at an interest rate of 2.28% per annum.
- (2) The Note shall be dated January 2, 2020, shall mature on December 24th, 2020 or before; shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners; shall be payable to Androscoggin Bank, 30 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, Maine or registered assigns, and otherwise be in such form and bear such details as the signers may determine.
- (3) Said Note is hereby sold and awarded to Androscoggin Bank.
- (4) Said Note is designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation of the County for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- (5) All things heretofore done and all action heretofore taken by the County, its officers and agent in the authorization of said Note are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed, and the Treasurer and the Chair of the Board of Commissioners are each hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote including delivering said Note against payment therefor.

VOTE: 5-0-1

Abstained: Lary

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020 Budget Approval

Budget Committee Chair Alicia Rea spoke about the budget and the budget process.

Motion: to approve the 2020 Budget (Expenditures at \$15,145,501.00, Revenues at \$4,529,659.00 and amount to be raised by taxation \$10,615,842.00)

Ames-Kelly (No vote)

Amendment to Motion: to reduce line item 10-2020 *Western Maine Transportation Services* to \$0 (zero).

Lary-(No second)

Amendment to Motion: to reduce the Commissioner Chair's stipend (line item 10-1020-3120 *Salaries & Wages*) by - \$500.00 to \$4,000.00.

Lary-(No second)

Return to Original Motion

Motion: to approve the 2020 Budget (Expenditures at \$15,145,501.00, Revenues at \$4,529,659.00 and amount to be raised by taxation \$10,615,842.00)

Ames-Kelly 5-1

Opposed: Lary

B. County Flag

Michael Lord discussed the proposed County flag.

Motion: to re-adapt the cougar as the official seal (which is the original county seal, dating back to 1854) and to adopt the plan to purchase a two-sided flag using the cougar.

Roy-Kelly (No vote)

Amendment to Motion: to set this as the county flag, not changing the county seal or logo.

Lary-Ames 1-5

Opposed: Michael, Ames, Christner, Kelly, Roy

Commissioner Roy would like the record to reflect that he is pro-cougar and anti-building (regarding county seals).

Return to Original Motion (1st)

Motion: to re-adapt the cougar as the official seal (which is the original county seal, dating back to 1854) and to adopt the plan to purchase a two-sided flag using the cougar for \$460.50. Note: that a proof copy of the flag must be approved by Commissioners' before creating the flag.

Roy-Kelly (No vote)

Amendment to Motion: to authorize \$95.00 for scanning artwork and vectorization only.

Lary-(No second)

Return to Original Motion (2nd)

Motion: to re-adapt the cougar as the official seal (which is the original county seal, dating back to 1854) and to adopt the plan to purchase a two-sided flag using the cougar for \$460.50. Note: that a proof copy of the flag must be approved by Commissioners' before creating the flag.

Roy-Kelly 5-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that “we are starving to death financially and we are turning around and buying things that we don’t absolutely need. I respect history. I love history. I went to college to become a history major at the time. But this is, we don’t need to be spending this kind of money at this time, out of tax payer funds.”

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Commissioners Only)
Form and process for evaluating Administrator

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Revision of Civil Process Fees - December 4th Meeting
Discuss review process for evaluating Administrator - November 20th Meeting
Review Administrator-December 4th Meeting

XII. ADJOURN
Motion: to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.
Lary-Kelly 6-0

Larry Post, County Administrator